

RB Neighborhood Plan Update

Phase 1 Draft General Community Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2011

Sign- In..... 10 minutes

CITY INTRODUCTION 20 MINUTES

Short power point: engaging, exciting (don't put audience to sleep with City Information)

Welcome & Introduction (What, When, Who, How) 10 Minute

Meeting Purpose (brief, and then introduce NAC)

Project Overview

- Scope - Update 1999 Plan, Legislative History, Mayoral Initiatives,
- Implementation –Provide specific examples of actions to illustrate.
- Schedule - Overview of project timeline, description of the purpose of this meeting

Decision-Making - Explanation of how decisions are made

- Milestone and decisions made to date
- Factors that may have an impact on the outcome, including:
 - City Policy and Existing plans
 - Community Issues
 - Mayoral priorities & Council actions

Opportunities for Public Involvement -

- Overview of Public Engagement Plan (Use graphic schedule)
 - Public Process Conducted to date –. Neighborhood Plans, Station Area Plans
- How the City will use input from the public provided at this meeting

Meeting Orientation – structure time, & logistics..... 10 minutes

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2 HOURS

Discussion 1 – Questions 45 Minutes

- What is good that you want to preserve and build on?
- What could be changed for the better and what's missing?

Discussion 2 – Mapping 45 Minutes

- Where do you go to meet your needs for shopping, community activities, etc?
- How do you get there, and are there opportunities for walking bicycling and transit?

Polling – including instructions 15 minutes

Conclusion 15 minute

Open House – Hosted by NAC 1 hour

- An opportunity for meeting neighbors, and for having more in depth conversations among neighbors.

Discussion 1 Questions (45 min)

Through our work in Phase 1, we hope to understand the priorities of the community to shape, address, and catalyze growth. We will seek to understand how people engage in and move through their neighborhoods.

1. What makes your neighborhood the place you've chosen to work, live, or shop?
 - a. What would make it better as your neighborhood grows?
2. Where do you consider your neighborhood center?
 - a. What makes the neighborhood center unique?
 - b. What unique characteristics contribute to the identity of your neighborhood center?
3. What unique characteristics of your commercial district give it its identity and what would you like to see preserved?
 - a. For RB: Where do you hope to see more growth – at the LR station or in your commercial corridor?
 - b. For RB: What types of goods, services, and employment would you like to see near the transit stations
 - c. For BBH: Does your neighborhood have a commercial district? If so, where is it? If not, do you need one? And where in your urban village do you think it should be?
4. What services are important to you now and as your neighborhood grows?
5. As your neighborhood grows, what type of housing would you like to see in the future?
 - a. Will this affect current residents? How?
6. Are there active cultural, faith-based or other community organizations or associations that you participate in? What role do these groups play in your relationship to your neighborhood?
7. Parks, open spaces, and other natural areas provide breathing room, shade, and opportunities for rest and relaxation. How would you expand and enhance these opportunities in your community? What would make you use parks more?

Mapping Discussion (45 min)

1. Where do you go for goods and services currently?
 - a. Where do you buy food? (may include stores, farmers markets, local farms, CSAs/produce deliveries, etc)
 - b. How do you get there? (if in neighborhood, draw on map. Note mode as well as path. Also note out of neighborhood destinations that start with transit).
 - c. What is important in choosing where you shop for food?
 - d. Where do you find the goods and services necessary to sustain your cultural identity?
 - e. How do you get there? (if in neighborhood, draw on map. Note mode as well as path. Also note out of neighborhood destinations that start with transit).
2. In the last section, you mentioned cultural, faith-based, and community organizations that you're a part of. Where are they located? How do you get there?
3. Having a place to meet up with friends and acquaintances, or to go to interact with people, is an important function. Are there parks, shops, cultural or community centers, or other places in the neighborhood where you go to meet friends or gather? Where are they?
 - a. Are additional gathering spaces needed? Where?
4. Do you regularly visit parks, community centers, or playgrounds? Which ones?
 - a. How do you get there? (note mode and path on map).

5. Walking and biking are healthier choices. Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go by walking or biking? (note areas described as less safe and color code with reasons for safety concern – traffic speed, crime, missing sidewalks, etc).
 - a. How about for your children getting to school? Is it safe and easy for them to walk or bike?
 - b. Do you walk and bike for recreation? (note areas described as less safe and color code with reasons for safety concern – traffic speed, crime, missing sidewalks, etc).
6. What would make it easier for you to choose to walk, bike, or take transit more? (note suggestions on map if they refer to specific locations).
 - a. For RB: Will you be using the light rail? If yes, how will you get to the station nearest to where you live?
 - b. For BBH: Will you be using the new Rapid Ride or other bus service? If yes, how do you get to the bus stop?
7. ***For BBH: What is working well in your neighborhood with regard to drinking water, solid waste collection, flood control and sewer systems? What isn't working well in those areas and where specifically are the problems? What specific improvements would you like to see?***

Instant Polling (20 min)

1. Which of the following best describes your connection to RB/BBH?
 - a. Live
 - b. Work
 - c. Own a business
 - d. Rent commercial space
 - e. Go to school
 - f. Involved in church or community organization
 - g. Other
2. How long have you lived, worked, or owned a business, rented commercial space, or otherwise been connected to RB/BBH?
 - a. 0-1 year
 - b. 2-5 years
 - c. 6-10 years
 - d. 10-20 years
 - e. 20 years or more
 - f. I'm not connected to RB/BBH
3. What kinds of transportation do you use to go to school, work, shop, services, etc?
 - a. Walk
 - b. Bike
 - c. Ride transit
 - d. Drive
4. Do you walk around your neighborhood?
 - a. To get to light rail station/bus stop
 - b. To get to work
 - c. To get to shops, restaurants, parks, community centers, friends' houses, or other places

- d. For exercise or recreation
 - e. In parks
 - f. I don't walk around my neighborhood
5. What would make you walk more?
- a. Places to go
 - b. More trails
 - c. Closer parks
 - d. More lighting on streets/sidewalks
 - e. More people on the street
 - f. Better sidewalks, crosswalks, or other pedestrian infrastructure
 - g. Feeling safer
 - h. Other
6. Do you feel safe walking around your neighborhood during the day?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Sometimes
7. Do you feel safe walking around your neighborhood at night?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Sometimes
8. Do you ride a bicycle around your neighborhood?
- a. To get to the light rail station/bus stop
 - b. To get to work
 - c. To get to shops, restaurants, parks, community centers, or other destinations
 - d. For exercise or recreation
 - e. In parks or on bike trails
 - f. I don't ride a bike around my neighborhood
9. What would make you ride more?
- a. More places to go
 - b. More trails
 - c. Closer parks
 - d. More bike lanes
 - e. More bike parking/lockers
 - f. Other
10. Do you use the parks and community centers in your neighborhood? What do you do there?
- a. Exercise
 - b. Take children to play
 - c. Relax
 - d. Informal gather
 - e. Other
 - f. I don't use parks or community centers in my neighborhood

11. How long does it take you to get to the place you shop most often for food?
- Less than 10 minutes
 - 10-20 minutes
 - 20-30 minutes
 - 30-60 minutes
 - More than 60 minutes
12. Growing food in the neighborhood is one way to include healthy food in our diets. Do you grow some of your own food? Where?
- In my yard
 - On my balcony
 - In a p-patch or community garden
 - In someone else's yard
 - Other
 - I don't grow my own food
13. How old are you?
- 18 or younger
 - 19-25
 - 26-35
 - 36-39
 - 40-49
 - 50-59
 - 60-79
 - Over 80
14. What is your race/ethnicity?
Note: Does the city have a standard list it uses?
15. Were you born in the US or another country?
- In the US
 - Outside of the US

Maps